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AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS: PROBLEMS

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1. SUMMARY: APRIL 20 WAS SPENT LARGELY IN SEPARATE CLOSED
ARAB AND HDBIXN#SESSIONS. JOINT OAU-ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT
DECISION, APPROVED BY BOTH BODIES, SET STRICT LIMITS ON
INTRODUCTION OF EXTRANEIOUS AMENDMENTS. CONSIDERABLE WRANG-
LING HAS BEEN REPORTED, BOTH WITHIN SEPARATE AFRICAN AND
ARAB GROUPS, AND BETWEEN THEM AS TWO SECRETARIATS SOUGHT
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SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT TO CONVENE JOINT PLENARY. DISCUSSION

REPORTEDLY HAS SO FAR BEEN TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ALTHOUGH SEVERAL LONGSTANDING RIVALRIES HAVE BUBBLED TO SURFACE. END SUMMARY.

2. APRIL 20, SECOND DAY OF DAKAR AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, WAS LARGELY SPENT IN SEPARATE, CLOSED WRANGLING SESSIONS. LAST-MINUTE JOINT MINISTERIAL SESSION WAS CONVOKED AT 6:30 P.M., LARGELY TO BELIEVE DAY'S IMPRESSION OF DEADLOCK.

3. TWO SECRETARIATS (OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE) HAVE DECIDED WITH APPROVAL OF BOTH GROUPS TO STRICTLY LIMIT AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND ACTION PROGRAM, WHICH ORIGINATED IN CAIRO IN JULY, 1975, AND WHICH HAS UNDERGONE REVISION. DAKAR CONFERENCE IS OSTENSIBLY TO AMEND AND PASS ON THIS DECLARATION AND PROGRAM TO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT TENTATIVELY SET FOR CAIRO IN JULY.

4. ALTHOUGH SESSIONS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED TO PRESS AND OBSERVERS, SOME FAIRLY DEEP DIFFERENCES HAVE BECOME APPARENT. ARGUMENTS HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN OIL-PRODUCING AND NON-OIL-PRODUCING AFRICAN STATES OVER EXTENT TO WHICH RISE IN PETROLEUM PRICES HAS DAMAGED ECONOMIES OF LATTER. SENEGAL AND NIGERIA HAVE CARRIED THEIR LONG-STANDING DIFFERENCES INTO CONFERENCE. IVORY COAST REPORTEDLY MOVED TO DELETE "ZIONISM" FROM LIST OF EVILS TO BE CONDEMNED.

5. BETWEEN ARABS AND AFRICANS THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OVER MODALITIES OF AID. AFRICANS ARE REFUSING CONDITIONS WHICH GIVE APPEARANCE OF POLITICAL STRINGS, WHILE ARABS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF THEIR MONEY.

6. SIDE ISSUE HAS BEEN REQUEST OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR SPECIAL COMPENSATION IN LIGHT OF ITS APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. REQUEST THAT MATTER BE PLACED ON AGENDA HAS RUN INTO PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS, AS SECRETARIATS OAU NOT WISH AGENDA RE-OPENED. THUS FAR THERE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF ISRAEL IN CLOSED SESSIONS, AND CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS HAVE STUCK TO ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL MATTERS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. DELEGATIONS FROM GUINEA AND ANGOLA HAVE NOT ARRIVED, AND PROBABLY WILL NOT ATTEND. AGGREY

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